

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has determined that applicants' elected species is free of prior art. However, claim 1 as originally filed does read on the art, and is specifically anticipated by Guegan et al. when R₆ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

Accordingly, applicants, through their attorney have amended their claims to exclude compounds of formula I wherein R₆ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

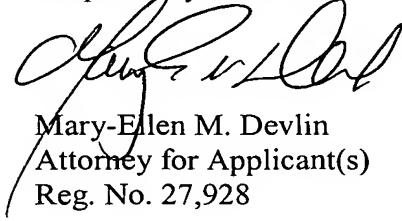
The Examiner has indicated that claims 2 – 4 and 6-14 are withdrawn as not reading on the elected species. Reconsideration of this position is respectfully requested. The elected species, compound 14, is clearly covered by claim 2 ((Xaa¹ is Leu), claims 3 and 4 (Xaa² is Val) and claim 6 (formula IA). Claims 7 through 14 are all dependent from these claims, which cover the elected species.

Finally, upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 10 and 11 will be amended to include a generic description of the product sold under the trademark Colostrinin. The Examiner had indicated that use of a trademark on the claims does not comply with Section 112.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



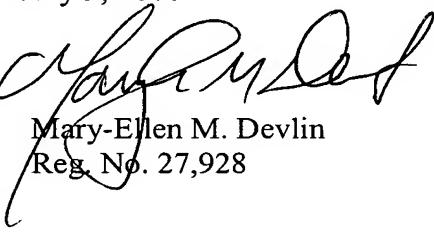
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